

MINUTES
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2012

Present: Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Jane Kautzer, Keary Kautzer, Anna Schoen, Don Silvis, Ald. Jean Kittelson, and Mary Rajer

Excused: Henry Schoen and Pam Gottsacker

Call to Order: Jim Graf called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: The committee stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Yolanda, second by Keary, the minutes from the November 15, 2011 meeting were approved. All ayes – motion carried.

Correspondence: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss Mission Statement: After a meeting with the mayor to clarify the mission of the committee, Chairman Graf proposed a revised mission statement. The committee's role is not to entertain every and/or any group of foreign visitors that is in the surrounding area. The primary function is to promote, facilitate and host or assist official visits to or from the City of Sheboygan and our Sister Cities and at the request of the Mayor or Common Council perform these same functions for diverse cultural, education and business groups, societies, and organizations from all countries. After a revision in the first sentence by Ald. Kittelson, the revised mission statement reads as follows:

“A group of residents living within the boundaries of the Sheboygan Area School District, appointed by the Mayor of Sheboygan, empowered to represent and further the City's commitment to understanding and friendship between the Sister Cities and the City of Sheboygan and between the peoples of the world at the request of the Mayor or Common Council.

As official ambassadors of the City of Sheboygan, the International Committee members shall act as community representatives and City Government Liaisons at public events which honor visitors from our Sister Cities and other foreign visitors to our City at the request of the Mayor or Common Council.

The committee's primary function is to promote, facilitate and host or assist official visits to or from the City of Sheboygan and our Sister Cities and at the request of the Mayor or Common Council perform these same functions for diverse cultural, education and business groups, societies, and organizations from all countries.”

Motion from Jane, second from Yolanda to approve revised mission statement. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discuss Revised Guidelines: The Committee Guidelines were updated with the revised Mission Statement. Motion by Yolanda, second by Anna to approve revised guidelines. All ayes.

Schedule next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14th at 5:15 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jean and seconded by Yolanda. All ayes – motion carried.

Submitted by:
Mary Rajer, Secretary